Concession to Export Oriented Units and Free Trade Zone Units

6995. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the various concessions being given to the 100 per cent export oriented units and free trade zone units at present;

(b) whether Exim scrips are also proposed to be given to these units;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the import duty on goods from FTZ units to the domestic market has been reduced; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The main concessions being given to units in the Export Processing Zones and 100% Export Oriented Units include, inter-alia, duty free import of capital goods raw materials and consumables, corporate tax holiday for a block of five years in the first eight years of operation, exemption from excise duty on supplies obtained from domestic tariff area and sale upto 25% of the production in the domestic tariff area and sale upto 25% of the production in the domestic tariff area.

(b) and (c) FTZ and 100% Export Oriented Units have been extended Exim-scrip benefits @ 30% of the net foreign exchange earned, as an incentive.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Duty on DTA sales has been reduced, subject to certain conditions, as the earlier duty structure was considered too high.

[*Translation*]

Allocation of Funds to States for Construction of Court Building / Residential Accomodation for Judicial officers

6996. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provide financial assistance to the States for constructing court buildings and residential accommodation for the judicial officers as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions for allocation of funds for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b) The Seventh, Eighth and Ninth (First Report for 1989-90) Finance Commissions had made specific recommendations for upgradation grants to the State Governments for construction of court buildings and residential accommodation for judicial officers. State Governments were required to get their action plans in respect of these schemes approved by the Government of India. Releases were made in the form of "on account" payments and subsequently on the basis of physical and financial progress of the schemes as reported by the State Governments. The final adjustment is made on production of completion certificates for the schemes and taking into account the "on account" payments made earlier.

Writing off of Farmers Loans in Uttar Pradesh

6997. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: